

(MW) Geothermal Plant, Modoc National Forest, Siskiyou County, CA, Due: August 24, 1998, Contact: Randall Sharp (520) 233-8848. Published FR 05-22-98—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 980218, Draft EIS, COE, AK, Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Development Northstar Project, Implementation, NPDES Permit, Sea Island, Alaskan Beaufort Sea, Offshore Marine Environment and Onshore Northslope of Alaskan Coastal Plain, AK, Due: August 31, 1998, Contact: Ms. Terry Carpenter (907) 753-2712. Published FR 06-12-98—Review Period Extended.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5494-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 13, 1998 Through July 17, 1998 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the OFFICE OF FEDERAL ACTIVITIES AT (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-DOE-E00007-SC Rating EC2, Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF), Construction and Operation near the Center of Savannah River Site at H Area, (DOE/EIS-0271D), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns about the project. The Final EIS should provide more information about emergency response plans for potential spills and accidents.

ERP No. D-NPS-E61073-MS Rating EC1, Natchez Trace Parkway, Construction of Section 3X Southern Terminus, Adam Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns about adverse impacts to wetlands which should be avoided to fully protect the environment.

ERP No. D-UAF-J11012-00 Rating LO, Colorado Airspace Initiative, Modifications to the National Airspace System, such as the F-16 Aircraft and Aircrews of the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard, also existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and Military Training Routes (MTRs), CO, NM, KS, NB and WY.

Summary: EPA had no comments to the proposed action.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65299-AK, Cascade Point Access Road, Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Road Easement within National Forest System land in the vicinity of Echo Cove, EPA Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Juneau, AK.

Summary: EPA continued to have objections to a Purpose and Need statement that results in the evaluation of a restricted range of alternatives, the potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts to Berners Bay, and the level of information/analyses presented in the EIS.

ERP No. F-USN-E11038-00, USS SEAWOLF Submarine Shock Testing, Implementation, located in the Offshore Mayport, FL or Norfolk, VA.

Summary: EPA continued to have some environmental concerns about the Seawolf testing and awaits with interest the outcome of additional, future tests.

Other

ERP No. LD-BLM-L61219-AK Rating LO, Squirrel River Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study, Designation and Non-Designation, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, AK.

Summary: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of the action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cooperative Agreements to Develop and Carry Out Authorized State Training, Accreditation, and Certification Programs for Lead-Based Paint Professionals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; solicitation of applications for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's intent to enter into cooperative agreements with states, territories, Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia which provide financial assistance for purposes of developing and carrying out EPA-authorized training, accreditation and certification programs for professionals engaged in lead-based paint activities. In the past, recipients of the cooperative agreements have used the funds to assist in program development and prepare for program authorization. A number of states and tribes are making significant progress in developing authorizable programs and EPA would like to continue to support the development and authorization of these programs. These programs and this financial assistance are authorized by section 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice describes eligibility criteria, eligible activities, application procedures and requirements, and funding criteria. EPA anticipates that up to \$12.5 million will be available during Federal fiscal year 1998 (FY 98) for awards to states, Indian tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia for the development, implementation and administration of EPA-authorized training, accreditation, and certification programs. This is the fifth year that funding is being made available for this cooperative agreement program. Subject to future budget limitations, EPA plans to provide this support on a continuing basis to eligible states, territories, Indian tribes and the District of Columbia. All cooperative agreements will be administered by the appropriate EPA Regional office.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY 98 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA Regional office on or before September 14, 1998. EPA will make its award decisions and execute its FY 99 cooperative agreements by September 30, 1998.

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